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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MELISSA ANN COX,

Defendant.

Case No. 1:24-cr-00206 JLT

**ORDER RE MOTION TO WITHDRAW THE
FEDERAL DEFENDER AS COUNSEL,
APPOINT *AD HOC* CJA COUNSEL
WITH DEFENDANT'S CONSENT**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Federal Defender's request to withdraw as counsel of record beginning February 1, 2025, is GRANTED. Eric V. Kersten, Esq. is appointed as *ad hoc* CJA counsel, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(b) and the Eastern District of California's CJA Plan, General Order 671, §XI.C.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 23, 2025

/s/ Sheila K. Oberto
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE